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**In re Application of**

Hamada et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/697,009      **Group Art Unit:** 3721

**Filed:** October 31, 2003      **Examiner:** Chukwurah, Nathaniel C.

**For:** BOX NAILING MACHINE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a personal interview on January 10, 2005.

During the personal interview:

1. No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted.
2. Independent claims 1, 4, 11, and 15 were discussed.
3. The Obergfell et al. reference and the Lin reference were discussed.
4. The clarifying amendments made to claim 1 were discussed.
5. During the personal interview, the Applicant's representative explained that

the present invention provides a box nailing machine that with a washer that is integrally formed in the handle arm attaching portion, the second exemplary embodiment of the present invention is a magazine for a box nailing machine that provides a washer that is fixed to an inner wall of the magazine and the third exemplary embodiment of the present invention is a method for manufacturing the magazine by fixing a washer to a wall of a metallic plate, and press-forming the metallic plate into a U-shape. In this manner, assembly of the magazine to a box nailing machine is greatly simplified.

6. No other pertinent matters were discussed.

7. Results of the Interview:

The Examiners agreed that none of the applied references teaches or suggests the features of the claimed invention including: 1) a washer that is integrally formed in the handle arm attaching portion (claim 1); 2) a washer fixed to an inner wall of the metallic plate (claims 4, and 15); and 3) fixing a washer to a wall of a metallic plate, and press-forming the metallic plate into a U-shape (claim 11).

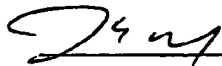
The Examiners indicated that they would further consider Applicants' arguments presented during the personal interview, to review Applicants' response to the Office Action, and to conduct further search and consideration in order to determine patentability

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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